

**A SYSTEM FOR FACILITATING THE
PREPARATION OF A PATENT APPLICATION**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 ^{Sub B1} A computer program and a computer fir drafting a patent application including a template memory for storing and duplication standard headings and paragraphs of a patent and which interacts with other memories and processors to provide a structure and process to follow in preparing a patent application. An independent claim processor (12) duplicates an independent claim under the heading SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION AND ADVANTAGES and edits same into a grammatically correct sentence structure.

10 A multiple claim processor (14) duplicates all of the claims under the heading DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT and edits same into grammatically correct sentence structure. Also included are a reference number memory (16), which stores successive even numerals beginning with the number ten, and a Figure number memory (18), which stores the highest Figure number used to identify Figures of

15 the drawings. A reference number processor (20) is responsive to the Figure number memory (18) for searching and adding an reference numerals to the element names in the order of occurrence. An abstract processor (22) is included for selecting and storing and duplicating abstract sentences into the abstract from the description. A parenthesis processor (24) is included for automatically enclosing each reference numeral within

20 parentheses in the claims and in the abstract.